

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 3, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, replace the paragraph beginning on line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--The present invention relates to a liquid separator for separating liquid from gases, and particularly for separating liquids from expiration gases in medical analysis instruments. The invention includes a liquid separator having a water trap and a holder/connection device. The water trap may be a one time use only trap, and the connection device may be a quick-fastener device.--

Page 1, between lines 6 and 8, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--

Page 4, between lines 12 and 14, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 4, replace the paragraph beginning on line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

--This object is achieved with an inventive liquid separator that has the characteristic features set forth in the accompanying Claims below.--

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Page 5, between lines 4 and 6, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 5, between lines 13 and 15, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 23 and bridging pages 5 and 6 with the following amended paragraph:

--The water trap 1 includes a container 3 located beneath a separation chamber 4 provided with a connection 5 for receiving a gas flow incoming from the patient. The separation chamber includes a liquid passageway 6 and a filter 7 positioned above said passageway, for instance a bacteria filter. Located above the separation chamber 4 and connecting to the other side of the filter 7 is an upper chamber part 8 that includes a gas passageway (not shown) corresponding to the liquid passageway 6 in the separation chamber and leading to connection passageways 9, 10 by ~~means of~~ which the water trap can be connected to the holder unit 2 and to the analysis instrument respectively. The upper chamber part 8 is covered by a hood or cap 11. The separation chamber 4 is fitted externally with locking tabs 12 which enable the water trap 1 to be snapped firmly to the holder unit 2.--